

**NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

January 2, 1970

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**MEMORANDUM FOR**

**THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE  
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE  
THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF**

**SUBJECT: Further Action on Israel's Assistance Requests --  
NSSMs 81 and 82**

The President has directed that an Ad Hoc Group, similar to that which considered NSSM 40, be convened to consider U.S. policy on future military and economic assistance to Israel. This group will include the Under Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, the Director of Central Intelligence, the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and will be chaired by the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. For the purposes of this study, the Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern Affairs will also be considered a member.

A paper is being prepared for consideration by the Ad Hoc Group and will be circulated, together with the comments of Assistant Secretary Sisco. A meeting of the Ad Hoc Group will be convened at the earliest opportunity following circulation of the paper.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

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November 6, 1969

National Security Study Memorandum 81

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
The Director of Central Intelligence  
The Director of the Bureau of the Budget

SUBJECT: U.S. Arms Transfer Policy Toward Israel

The President has directed that U.S. arms transfer policies toward Israel be evaluated. This study should:

-- Examine the balance of Arab/Israeli military capabilities given alternative levels of U.S. and Soviet arms transfers over the next five years.

-- Analyze Israel's force requirements to meet a variety of alternative defense objectives, including a) deterrence through preemptive attack; b) deterrence of Arab attack through superior force; and c) maintenance of its independence if deterrence fails.

-- Determine Israel's technical and economic capacity to produce its arms requirements.

-- Formulate alternative U.S. arms transfer policies toward Israel, including specific program levels over the next five years.

This study will be carried out by an NSC Ad Hoc Group chaired by a representative of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Its other members will be designated by the addressee agencies.

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The study will be submitted by December 12 to the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs and will then be referred to the IG/NEA for review.

*Henry A. Kissinger*

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

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TO:           The Secretary of State  
              The Secretary of Defense  
              The Secretary of the Treasury  
              The Secretary of Commerce  
              The Secretary of Agriculture  
              The Director of the Bureau of the Budget  
              The President of the Export-Import Bank  
              The Administrator of AID

SUBJECT: U.S. Economic Assistance Policy Toward Israel

The President has directed that U.S. economic policy toward Israel be evaluated. This study should examine:

- The amount of foreign exchange needed to meet Israel's requirements over the next five years.
- The availability of foreign exchange exclusive of external assistance to finance Israel's defense requirements.
- The alternative levels of U.S. economic assistance, if any, needed to meet Israeli military and non-military objectives.
- The alternative means of financing U.S. economic assistance to Israel.

This study shall be carried out by an NSC Ad Hoc Group chaired by a representative of the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. Its other members will be designated by the addressee agencies.

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The study will be submitted by December 19 to the President's Assistant for National Security Affairs and will then be referred to the IG/NEA for review.

*Henry A. Kissinger*

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